

ANS. Correspondence

Hewitt, Robert  
[Baltimore, MD]

1908-1914

January 5, 1908.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

Replying to yours of the 3rd inst. would state that my relation to the Lincoln Centennial medal designed and executed by my friend, the noted medalist Roine', is briefly this. The gold medal was secured months ago and placed in the unriveled collection of Major Lambert of Philadelphia. I took the precaution of securing from the Medallio Art Co. #1, and reserved it, believing that it would be to the credit of our Society if it were suitably mounted and properly presented to the King of Italy on the occasion of Lincoln's Centennial in February next. As I told you I will contribute the medal if the proper committee see fit to have it bound, duly encased and boxed, as such a medal should be, placed in the historic wood which formed part of Lincoln's house at Springfield, Ill., which wood is duly authenticated and in the possession of Mr. E. J. Deitsch, a life member of our Society. The suitable binding, mounting and encasing of this medal can cost whatever the Committee, or you as President of the Society, see fit to expend. It should not cost less than \$200.00 to compare with the setting of the gold medal, which to quote from Major Lambert's letter to me, is one of the most satisfactory pieces in his matchless collection of Lincolniana.

Having thus briefly and clearly placed this before you that if the Italian Chamber of Commerce join with you as President of the Society, I think it would be a very

excellent combination, and as I have stated a suitable  
<sup>to discuss it</sup>  
 person would be Mr. Collier's cousin, Mr. D. C. Harris  
 who is to sail for Europe in a short time. Should the  
 medal not be ready, I have in mind another gentleman  
 who later on would be able to take it and suitably place  
 it before the proper authorities.

I think this covers the whole case, and should you  
 wish to go further in the matter, you can count upon  
 my doing all that is in my power to further the interests  
 of yourself and the Society in the matter. Believe me

Very sincerely,

*R. Hewitt*

Dear Mr. H. Thank you for your letter back. I see  
 no way of obtaining the Society's action except by at-  
~~ten~~ a meeting. I will take pleasure in bringing up  
 the matter up at the next meeting & see what  
 can be done. I cannot act for the Society in  
 the matter without the Society's consent.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

STARR ENGINEERING CO.,  
50 CHURCH STREET  
FULTON BUILDING - HUDSON TERMINAL  
NEW YORK CITY  
JOHN E. STARR, PRES'T TELEPHONE CONNECTION

January 11, 1909.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

Thanking you for your courteous reply of the 4th inst., would state that my position in the presentation of the Historical Medal to the King of Italy, perhaps has not been clearly expressed to you in my correspondence. Permit me to say in conclusion, as a member of the American Numismatic Society, that as the coming Centennial on February 12th next is likely to attract the attention of all Americans to the character of Abraham Lincoln, my desire was in no way to obtain or seek publicity in any form, or to thrust upon you any position which would not be absolutely in accord with your wishes in every detail. In as much as I am in a position to secure what will go down as one of the most interesting relics of Mr. Lincoln, which is a part of the wood of the house in which he lived, and which he left prior to taking the Oath of Office on March 4, 1860. This is authenticated, absolutely, and is the encasement of the medal in the book. This medal and book when suitably placed in a casket fit to receive it will be a numismatic piece that will be alike interesting to the Historian as well as the Numismatist. Therefore, if the Society saw fit to express in a few well chosen sentences the desire to placing such a gift in the hands of a distinguished Numismatist, such as the Ruler of Italy, my idea was



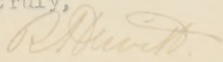
that that letter or that paper would be signed generally by many distinguished members of the Society and alike interested as you are, and as I know I am, in Medallio Lincolniana.

The suggestion of asking the Italian Chamber of Commerce to join in a similar paper was suggested to me by a gentleman who put it so gracefully that I thought that it would be a compliment to our society to have that body united with it in this tribute.

I quite understand your position in not wishing to appear in any way as a donor to the proposed recipient, nor would I ask you to do so any more than I would presume to occupy such a position. When I told you the opportunity of sending it directly to the hand of the proper representative in Rome presented itself to me, I of course expected that the whole suggestion might find favor with you.

If it should not, and if it does not appeal to you, I will thank you to let it be forgotten and I will intrude no further. You must recall that perhaps I am enthusiastic on the subject, which is my apology for having addressed you on the several occasions relating to this subject matter, and thanking you for the courtesy you have shown in replying to my communications, and regretting that I could not have placed them more clearly at the start, believe me, my dear Mr. Huntington,

Yours very truly,



13 January 1909

My dear Mr. Hewitt:

I quite understand your feeling in the matter of the medal and I shall be most happy to bring the whole subject before the Council of the Numismatic Society at the next meeting. It is a subject on which only the Society can act, and I think the Society understands thoroughly your generous altruism on all matters of this kind. I congratulate you on what you have done in bringing about the publication of this medal, and I feel certain that all who are interested in medallic art appreciate what you have done. I will write to you immediately after the next meeting of the Society. Believe me

Very sincerely yours

Robert Hewitt, Esqr.  
50 Church Street  
New York City



AUDUBON PARK  
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

13 January 1909

My dear Mr. Belden:

Herewith I enclose to you a letter, which explains itself, from Mr. Hewitt. I also enclose a carbon copy of my own letter to him. Will you kindly bring the matter before the Council for discussion at the next meeting?

Very sincerely yours

*Oscar W. Huntington*

Bauman L. Belden, Esqr., Secretary  
The American Numismatic Society  
New York City

Ardsey on Hudson.  
March-1912

Arthur M. Huntington, Esq.  
Hispanic Society

My dear Mr. Huntington,

I am writing to  
ask, if you would think  
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at the disposal of the  
Society, were they to issue  
a catalogue, which would  
be of general interest, from  
the fact, that the records  
of our Library, show that  
we are constant readers, from  
the shelves of Lincolniana,  
and no book, as yet, has  
illustrated, and depicted  
the prices, struck, for  
"America's greatest American".  
Assuring you

of my interest for  
the Society, in this  
matter, and valuing  
your views about it.  
Believe me,  
Yrs truly,

A. Hewitt.

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Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
March 1, 1912.

Archer M. Huntington, Esq.,

Hispanic Society.

My dear Mr. Huntington:-

I am writing to ask if you would think well of exhibiting, in the Society's Hall, its collection of Lincoln medals. It is one that would interest many from the fact that it is a complete page of Political History, and a very interesting one. I have devoted some years, in compiling, in manuscript an accurate description of "Medallio Lincolniana," and I would place it at the disposal of the Society, were they to issue a catalogue, which would be of general interest, from the fact, that the records of our Libraries show there are constant readers, from the shelves of Lincolniana, and no book, as yet, has illustrated, and described the pieces, struck for "America's Greatest American."

Assuring you of my interest for the Society, in this matter, and valuing your views about it, believe me,

Very truly,

R. HEWITT.

GALEN HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,

May 7 1912

My Dear Mr. Huntington,

For your kind favor  
of the 7th inst. please accept  
my thanks. Should the action  
of your Board of Governors  
be in its interest for the  
Society, to issue a catalogue  
of "Lincolniana" I will  
await their decision,  
before making use of  
the manuscript, and sending

Yours very truly  
R. Christ

A. M. Huntington Esq.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Huntington:-

For your kind favor of the 7th inst. please accept  
my thanks. Should the action of your Board or Governors, deem it of inter-  
est, for the Society, to issue a catalogue of "Lincolnisms," I will await  
their decision, before making use of the manuscript, and remain,

Yours very truly,

R. HEWITT

A. M. Huntington, Esq.



GALEN HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

March 2, 1912

My dear Mr. Bidder,

I am writing to ask if you will do me the favor of letting me know when the next meeting of the Governors occurs. I have offered the manuscript of "Medallie Lincolniana" to the Society and a courteous letter from Mr. Huntington tells me they will decide the matter. As a description of the Society's collection is of interest to a larger circle than Museumists, you can naturally see

Such a work would be  
of general interest

Thanking you in advance

Believe me

Yours very truly  
R. Hewitt

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GALEN HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 10, 1912.

My dear Mr. Belden:

I am writing to ask if you will do me the favor of letting me know when the next meeting of the Governors occurs. I have offered the manuscript of "Metallic Lincolnism" to the Society, and a courteous letter from Mr. Huntington tells us they will decide the matter. As a description of the Society's collection is of interest to a larger circle than numismatists, you can naturally see such a note would be of general interest.

Thanking you in advance, believe me,

Yours very truly,

R. HEWITT

March 20th, 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt.

Your letter of March 10th came to hand a few days ago, and should have been answered sooner had it not been that some matters connected with the meeting of the Society last Saturday and some alterations, that we have been making in the building, took up so much of my time that I got a little behind with my correspondence.

Your letter of March 1st to Mr. Huntington was duly submitted to the Council, and your suggestion of an exhibition of Lincoln medals and the offer of your manuscript catalogue were discussed, and it was decided that this being rather an important matter it would be better to take a little time to consider it, and if possible confer with you regarding it before coming to a final decision as to what the Society would do.

As I understand it your manuscript catalogue contains everything that you have obtained on the subject including your own collection, the Society's collection and such other pieces as you knew of that were not in either collection. Such a catalogue, of course, would be a most valuable work, and I suppose should be illustrated to a greater or less extent. The question was asked by one of the members of the Board as to whether there was any likelihood of any number of Lincoln medals existing of which you had so far been unable to obtain any knowledge, and whether other large Lincoln collections, such as that of Major Leibert of Philadelphia, might not produce additional information.

As regards the exhibition of the Society's collection the question would come up whether it might not be better to let that lay over until sometime next fall or winter. We have been putting in some new exhibition cases and the alterations that we have made on the main floor of the building have provided space for several new cases, which are now in the course of construction. We hold but one more regular meeting before the summer which comes on the third Saturday in April. To get this exhibition in shape by that time would be rather difficult if it was properly done, and would certainly mean too much hurry in the printing of the catalogue, and we very much prefer to get the City early, it is hardly advisable to get up such a special exhibition much later than that.

I am glad your letter was written from Atlantic City, and as you will not start now I am sure you were going to be there I am sending this to your usual address. I think it would be a very good idea, if you could find it convenient, when you are back in New York to stop in here, so that we could talk over the entire matter and fix on some definite plan for the affair thing, which I could then submit to the Council. I will send by mail in about a week or so a more accurate just now extensive the cat-

March 20th, 1912.

issue would be so that we might have some sort of an idea as to the expense, and just what your idea as to the way it should be published might be.

I believe your collection of Lincoln medals is now on exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum. Is it your intention to leave it there for any great length of time? It might be a question worth considering whether it would be better for us to raise our exhibition while your collection was still there, or to wait until it should be taken away so that there would not be two exhibitions of this kind going on at the same time in New York. I do not know whether that is a question that would influence the Council or not, but it would be as well to be posted on everything of that kind before bringing the matter up for final decision.

With kindest regards and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you before very long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) Bauman L. Belden



March 20th, 1862.

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New York.

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GALEN HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,

Aug 22 1912

Mr. B. S. Jelden,

Denton, C. W. S.

My dear Mr. Jelden,

In reply to your favor relating to a cover on Lincoln Medals, would say, that my object, in calling the Society's attention to it, was prompted by the fact, that the description and history of Lincoln medals would interest collectors, and readers generally, especially if issued by the Society, as one of its publications. This is my reason for offering to place in your hands, the manuscript of the work of some years. If you take it upon you, with a view to have printed, at once, at my expense, a few copies of the present manuscript

to be used, as the basis, of the  
work, for comparison & correction  
by those who have Lincoln pieces  
when corrected. say, in six  
months time an illustrated  
work, the preparation of which  
is to be started at an early  
day, by the Society, would  
produce, in a years time, a  
work of national interest.

The only cost, to the Society  
being, the preparation of the  
plates and the final publication.

You know, there is no library  
in the County, that does not  
have a shelf of "Lincolniana"  
it follows, that a work with  
a suitable Preface, by some well  
known Author, who has already  
written on Lincoln, will give  
it literary value.

As regards  
my collection, it plays no part  
in this, other than its pieces  
are of your disposal, for such  
as the Society does not possess,  
to illustrate & describe. My  
pieces, are to be exhibited, by

2/ request, in the Museum's  
of no less than three Cities, and  
can in no way detract from  
an exhibition by the Society.

As to my friend, Major  
Lambert's collection, it has no  
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all the pieces he had, that were  
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to me, with a view to



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which does not, appear  
to me, from the fact, that  
I have neither, the inclination  
nor the necessity, of making  
it business, out of my pleasure.

Regretting that my  
absence from home, has  
prevented my calling on  
you, and with kind regards,

Believe me;  
Yours very truly,  
R. D. Webb.

(COPY)

GALEN HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 22, 1912.

Mr. B. L. Belden,

Director, A. N. S.

My dear Mr. Belden:

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Apologizing that my absence from home, has prevented my calling on you, and with kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours very truly

R. HEWITT.

March 26th, 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

I have received your interesting letter of March 22nd, which explains pretty fully your ideas regarding the publication of the Lincoln catalogue. I will bring this up again before the Council at the first opportunity, and will let you know what decision is arrived at.

Have you any idea as to how large a book this Lincoln catalogue would make? I should think from what I remember of your manuscript that it would make a pretty fair size volume. The size of the page of the catalogues, that we published at the time of the medallic exhibition, was 6 1/2" x 9 1/2". Let us say for example that we adopted a page of that size, could you give me any idea as to the number of pages that might be required exclusive of illustrations? Of course this would be just guess work, but it would give us some sort of an idea as to how large the book would be.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you here before very long, I am,  
Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. One of the leading officials, of the "G.A.R." tells me, the History of Lincoln Medals, would be of GALEN HALL general interest to the organization  
R.H.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,

March 28, 1912

Mr. L. Belden,  
New York,

My dear Mr. Belden,

In answer, to  
your inquiry, would say,  
that the size of the  
proposed Book - "The History  
of Lincoln Medals," should  
be as you suggest,  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$  - the text would describe  
about 400 Dies. The present  
manuscript, is contained  
on 110 pages, type written,  
and I should say, would  
be about equal, to the  
Medallion exhibition. This

Book, would, as I have  
told you, go beyond a  
catalogue, & while describing  
the Society's collection; form  
one of the most interesting  
pages in the Political  
History of our Country.

Assure you, my  
Dear Mr. Elden, of the  
heartiest co-operation, if  
you put your hand  
to the Wheel, in having  
this work reflect, to our  
Society's credit, as it  
surely will, if issued.

Believe me, With  
best wishes - Very truly,  
R. Sewall.

(COPY)

GALEN HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 28, 1912.

Mr. E. L. Belden,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Belden:

In answer to your inquiry would say that the size of the proposed book - "The History of Lincoln Medals," - should be as you suggest 8 1/2 x 9 1/2 the text would describe about 400 dies. The present manuscript is contained on 110 pages, typewritten, and I should say, would be equal to the Medallic exhibition. This book would, as I have told you, be your a companion, and while describing the Society's collection, form one of the most interesting ones in the Political History of our Country.

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R. H.

April 8th, 1912..

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Argosy-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

Your letter of March 28th was duly received, and I brought the matter up again in the Council, and it has been referred to our Committee on Publication, of which Mr. William F. Osgood Field, 642 Fifth Avenue, New York, is the Chairman. It is desired that the Committee look over the manuscript catalogue and report to the Council its recommendations regarding it. Can you arrange, when you are again in the City, to let Mr. Field have the catalogue to look over. I have sent the correspondence to him, and I would be glad if you would communicate with him direct.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

B L B



156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

April 9th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Field:-

I enclose herewith the correspondence with Mr. Hewitt regarding his proposition for the publication of his catalogue of Lincoln medals. This was read at the Council meeting on Saturday, and a motion was adopted that Mr. Hewitt be requested to submit his manuscript to the Publication Committee, of which you are Chairman. I will write to Mr. Hewitt and explain this to him.

Trusting to have the pleasure of seeing you on Saturday next, I am,

Very sincerely yours,





156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

April 9th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Field:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. Howland Wood, who is acting for Mr. Ramsden in regard to the collection of Chinese coins, of which I enclose a copy.

As this amounts to the same thing as the original offer, that was made, except that Mr. Ramsden would be considered as one of the donors of the collection, I hope that the proposition will be favorably considered.

I have sent Mr. Wood's letter to Mr. Huntington.

Very sincerely yours,

*William H. Packer*

Walden on Hudson  
Oct 9/912

Mr B L Belden,  
New York

My dear Mr Belden,

Thank you for  
your favor, re. publication  
of the "Linnæan", and  
as suggested, I will  
see Mr Field, & submit  
the manuscript. I think  
it will prove, if published,  
a great benefit to the  
"sector". I hope to see  
you ere long.

Yours truly,  
R. M. B. Belden

May 10/92

My dear Mr. Bacon,

A letter from  
Mr. Webb requests me, to  
send to the Society, on your  
care, the Lincoln Memorial  
which I have attached to,  
sending it by Express charges  
paid. Kindly let me  
know, when you are  
through with it, and  
obly.

Yours very truly  
R. Hewitt

July 19th 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

I have been looking over your Lincoln catalogue, and I note that all of the medals are classified according to size. When it comes to the publication of the catalogue, should not there be some further classification relating to the subjects of the medals and the purpose when they were issued? Take for example the campaign medals, medals issued while President, and commemorative medals issued after his death, the centenary medals and possibly some other divisions. Something on the plan that was adopted by Baker in his book on the Medallion Portraits of Washington. I would be glad if you would think this over, and sometime when you are in the city I would like to discuss it with you.

I will probably be away a considerable part of the time during the first half of August, other than that I expect to be here during the remainder of the summer, though I may be away for a day now and then.

Trusting that you are well and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Worcester

July 22/912

My dear Mr. Bieder  
Thank you  
for your interesting  
favor, re Lincoln  
Medals. Later, on  
my return, I shall  
make an appointment  
to see you about

the subject - Wishing  
you a most pleasant  
vacation. Believe me

Yours truly  
R. Hewitt.



Adelphi House  
Sept 9/12

My dear Mr. Editor

I came out  
the reasonable plan  
you outlined yesterday.  
It will be necessary to  
keep the manuscript you  
have, in said literary  
form. Will you please  
on receipt of this letter  
we know the cost of  
having it done & then

it will take, as  
there would be much  
to do after the job  
is accomplished - Could  
you say, do it after  
hours, & what would  
be charge? Your reply  
will oblige. Very truly  
A. Brewster.

I think the idea of going  
to see ex-rector and Col  
Lynch, has a good deal  
about it -

August 6th, 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York. /

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

I came in for just a short time to-day and found your letter of August 4th. I will look into the question of the card catalogue, and advise you later. I am short of time to-day, and will not come in again until the last of the week.

The ex-restaurant is very good.

Very sincerely yours,

August 23, 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardaley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:

I was sorry to miss you, when you called some days ago, I was at home, hoeing weeds in the garden.

I was away most of the time between the first and seventeenth of this month, and as my secretary did not have very much to do while I was not here, I had her fill in her spare time making cards of the Lincoln medals, and she has made about two hundred and sixty five, as to the cost of doing this work, we will have to take up that question later, she is now on her vacation and will be back early in September, just what time she will have to work on these things when she returns remains to be found out, I will probably have quite a lot of accumulated correspondence for her to get out of the way, as I am not specially fond of "pounding the typewriter" and while I have to do it I will only write letters that can not wait. I will probably be here most of the time while she is away, I may be away on the 29th, there is to be an opening exhibition of the Mitchelson collection, at the State Library in Hartford, on that day, and I may go over, I have not as yet decided whether I will or not, should you happen to be in the neighborhood any time before long, I would be glad to look over the cards, already made, with you.

Mr. Field is still in the country, I presume it will be some little time before he comes back to New York, though I do not know what his plans are.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you before very long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Press Club of Chicago

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21, 1893

My dear Mr. Baker,

I have been  
away for quite a time, but  
am at home now  
back, and would very  
much appreciate a line  
from you, telling me  
what progress is being  
made in the union  
between the two  
clubs. I am sure you  
will find more than  
enough to interest you.

believe me, I am, &  
the city, I am sure  
you will find it in  
time, as by your  
the lines indicated, a  
journey near to me  
the "renewal" of the  
best."

me at my home, &  
I am sure, I am  
the, I am sure, I am

I am sure, I am  
the, I am sure, I am



November 12th, 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

I should have answered your letter sooner, but when it was received I was very much occupied with some other matters and it got mixed up with some other papers on my desk, and was overlooked for some days.

Mr. Field has not yet returned to New York. I am very anxious to see him both on account of this and some other matters, and I am hoping that he will show up before very long. That being the case I have really nothing new to report regarding the Lincoln catalogue. Did you run across any new Lincoln medals on your trip out West? I hope you will have time to drop in here sometime before very long and talk over things, and take a look at the cards that I have had made.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Trideley, on Piedmont  
Nov 25, 82

My dear Mr. Garrison,

I am without  
any word as yet, about  
the publication of the Lincoln  
Mssals: if by the end of  
Decr. no action is taken,  
I have an offer to take over  
the Manuscripts, & must hear  
from you definitely about  
it. For I have been patient,  
& only for the Society's good  
have I consented to let  
the matter remain in an

undecided state, therefore  
will you kindly let me  
know about it. If you  
care to add about a  
dozen pieces to the collection  
-dis. not possessed in  
the collection, in exchange  
for pieces in Metal, which  
you have saved, I will  
send them to you, because  
some collectors interested  
in Lincoln want them.  
You know I have never  
yet sold a piece, & only  
in exchange will dispose  
of them. Lovingly yours

reply Believe me  
Very truly  
R. Hewitt

December 3rd, 1912.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley on Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

Your letter was received a couple of days ago. I hope to get hold of the Publication Committee in the course of a few days, and to be able to settle matters regarding the Lincoln book.

I have been so busy for several days getting ready for an exhibition, which will open next week that I have not had time for anything, so I hope you will excuse me for not answering your letter immediately.

As regards the exchange of Lincoln medals that you suggest, I have not had time to look up what we have, and as you know rather more about our collection than I do, it might be well to postpone consideration of that until the next time you are here.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

January 20th, 1913.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Hewitt:-

The Council will meet on Saturday of this week, and the new publication committee will be appointed, and instructed to take up the question of the Lincoln book without delay.

I hope therefore to have something definite to say to you next week.

Very sincerely yours,



February 2th, 1913.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

Mr. Charles S. Dodd has been appointed Chairman of the Publication Committee for this year.

Would it be convenient for you to meet him in my office either Tuesday or Thursday of next week? He can meet you on either of those days any time between 10.30 and 4.30.

If you will kindly give me 3 days' notice of the time you will be here I will notify him.

Could you be unable to meet him on either of these days we could meet you on the same days of the following week.

Very sincerely yours,

Bedleyon Hudson  
Feb, 8/913

Mr B L Riden  
Dear.

Replying to yours  
of 5<sup>th</sup> will be pleased  
to meet you, as Mr  
Wadd. on Sunday Feb  
11<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock at  
your office.

Yours truly  
R Brewster

Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York, February 10, 1913.

Mr. A. M. Huntington,  
New York,  
N. Y.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

I am writing a brief note to ask if your attention has been called to the growing interest in Lincoln medals.

As you know I have been collecting Lincoln pieces for a great many years past, and have prepared for publication, as a result of compilation since 1908, a rather interesting descriptive history of Lincoln pieces, and it occurred to me that it might be of value and interest to the Society to have them publish same.

The matter has been placed before the Director without any direct result as yet. Such a work would be of general interest, and as Doctor Billings of the Public Library has said that people are becoming interested more and more in Lincoln works. Therefore such a work would not be likely to prove a loss in issuing it.

I have no object other than loyalty to the Society in offering this manuscript which has been applied for by

Publishers, but as I neither have the necessity nor inclination to commercialize it it has occurred to me as here stated that it might interest you to discuss the subject with me should you take the same view.

I will be pleased to hear from you, and remain

Yours very truly,

PH/JM

P. Hewitt

Have written about the  
committee and ask  
+ reply.

February 20th, 1913.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

I am very glad to be able to inform you that our Publication Committee has reported favorably to the Council on the publication of the Medallion History of Abraham Lincoln, and the Council has decided that the Society shall publish the book, and authorized the Committee to get to work on it.

I have just seen Mr. Dood, and he went me to say that he will be glad if you will let us have the material at your convenience.

I am very glad that this has been definitely decided, and I am sure that the book will be creditable both to the Society and to you.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Ardsley on Hudson  
July 21/91 '3

My dear Mr. Butler

Thank you for  
your kind note, and as  
suggested, will call it  
before Mr. Dodd, the  
material. I am sure you  
will derive satisfaction, in  
seeing a publication, that  
must be of such a wide  
interest, as the "History of  
Lincoln Men" - it is largely  
due to your efforts, that it  
will be accomplished -

Believe me, Very sincerely,  
R. H. Smith



February 26th, 1913.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Hewitt:-

I am glad to you, Mr. Dodd will meet you at my office  
on Monday, or next week at whatever time you may appoint.

Very sincerely yours,

UNION CLUB  
OF BOSTON

March 13/913

Dear Mr. August,

In a recent  
chat with the director  
of the int. Department  
of the Boston Public  
Library, I mentioned  
the work on the Medals  
of Napoleon, he seemed  
much interested. If it  
is the desire of the City  
to add this work, I  
think a letter to the Library

which result perhaps  
in the Sale of them, & to  
others here, of some Copies  
have been well  
received & looking  
forward to see you  
later on, I believe me  
Yours truly  
A. Devitt

Yours truly  
A. Devitt

100 Page  
30 in 200  
UNION CLUB  
OF BOSTON

March 15/913

My dear Mr. Ludden,

I expect to  
be in the city, after the  
18<sup>th</sup> inst, and would  
much appreciate a line  
from you, telling me,  
what progress has been  
made, in Card indexing  
the "Lincoln Manuscripts," from  
the manuscript. - Thanking  
you in advance, Believe me  
very truly,  
Address  
Audreyon Hedden  
214. R. Hewitt

March 17th, 1918.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Hewitt:-

Your letter of March 15th has just been received. The cards have been revised up to the one hundredth page of your catalogue. There are one hundred and thirty pages in all.

I hope you have had a pleasant time in Boston, and that we will see you here before very long.

Very sincerely yours,

October 21st, 1913.

Executors of the Estate of

Mr. Robert Hewitt,

Ardsley-on-Hudson,

New York.

Dear Sirs:-

This Society had arranged with Mr. Hewitt to publish a History of Lincoln Medals, the basis of which was to be the list of such medals upon which he had been working for several years.

His manuscript catalogue had been in our hands for some time, and a while ago was returned to him for certain corrections and additions that he desired to make.

I would ask if this can be returned again to me, so that we can proceed with the work, and, if there are any other papers on the subject which may be of assistance, that we may have access to them.

Trusting that you will give this your attention at such time as you may find convenient, I am,

Very respectfully,

Director.

ARDSLEY-ON-HUDSON.

W. Bauman Belden

Dear Sir - Your

letter, in regard to the  
Manuscript Catalogue;  
belonging to W. Hunt,  
will have my attention  
as soon as is possible.



Miss Amy

A. C. Hewitt

October 2nd -

1913.

Bridley - on Hudson  
November twenty second

W. Belden

Dear Sir -

Will you kindly  
extend to the Anniswater  
Society, my sincere thanks, for  
their kind resolutions of  
sympathy, and also. Much  
to thank you for your personal  
expression of sympathy.

Sincerely Yours

A. C. Hewitt

February 25th, 1914.

Mrs. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

Dear Madam:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Chairman of our Committee on the Publication of Medals dated October 19, 1909, asking me to deliver to Mr. Hewitt one of the Lincoln plaques by design, which had not then been issued to the members of the Society, which plaques as you will see by the copy was delivered on October 20, 1909.

This plaque is still in Mr. Hewitt's collection, and should be returned to the Society, or if you would prefer to keep it, you can do so on payment of ten dollars, which is the amount that the Society charges for this plaque.

Very truly yours,

Director.

October 19, 1909.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Director,  
American Numismatic Society,  
156th St. West of Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

LINCOLN PLAQUETTES

Mr. Robert Hewitt, a member of our Society as you know, and an enthusiastic collector of Lincolnia, is preparing a catalogue of medallic issues in commemoration of Abraham Lincoln. He is particularly desirous to insert in his catalogue a description of the Lincoln plaque that we have prepared to issue to the members of the American Numismatic Society some time during the current year.

He has offered to purchase one of these medals now, but I have declined to issue any prior to our annual meeting.

Desirous, however, of accomodating him for the purpose stated, I would thank you to loan him silver plaque No.10, taking his receipt therefor.

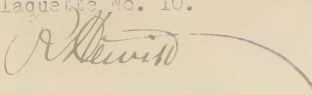
Very truly yours,



Chairman.

silver Lincoln plaque No. 10.

1909.



The Princess

Bermuda -

March 25th 1914

Mr. Belden

Dear Sir

Your letter of

February 25th was

received by me, and

as I am to return to

New York within a

few weeks, I am

writing to say that

on my return, I shall

Take up the matter  
of the League of  
which you wrote to  
me. With you -

I remain yours

A. L. Heath

W. Bauman & Co.

Dear Sir.

Having re-  
turned from Bermuda,  
I am desirous of

seeing you in regard  
to the question of  
the plague, of  
which you wrote  
to me <sup>on</sup> February 20<sup>th</sup>



If you will kindly  
let me know, when  
I can see you, I  
shall endeavor to be  
so on any date that  
you will name...

Yours truly

A. C. Hewitt  
Sedley - on Hudson  
April 1861

April 21st, 1914.

Mrs. Robert Hewitt,  
Arling-on-Hudson,  
New York.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of April 14th has been duly received. I am here every day from ten until five o'clock, and would be very glad to see you any time you should happen to be in the city. It might possibly be as well for you to drop me a line the day before so that I can be sure not to be out when you call. I expect to be away Saturday afternoon of this week, other than that I do not now know any time that I will not be here.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

April 25th, 1914.

Mrs. Robert Hewitt,  
Arosley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter has just been received. I will be on hand on Thursday, April 30th, at eleven o'clock, and will be very glad to see you at that time, or any other time later in the day should it be more convenient to you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

May 7th, 1914.

Mrs. Robert Hewitt,  
Ardsley-on-Hudson,  
New York.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of May 4th was received this morn'g. As regards sending the entire collection of Lincoln medals up here, I think that to do so would greatly facilitate the work and enable us to save time. It would be a very difficult matter to pick out those medals of which we have no duplicates without having our own collection at hand for the purpose of comparison, the differences in some of them might be so slight that a careful comparison would be necessary to be sure that they are duplicates or not.

If the collection is sent to us we will stick to preparing the list, the packing, etc., as soon as we can, and the collection will be kept securely in our vault and entirely separate from our own medals. I think that it will be necessary to keep the collection there each year or so, but it is better to have one place than to have it scattered all over the place. We will certainly make every effort to make the time as short as possible.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

W. Barman Belden.

Dear Sir -

As I do not  
wish to impede the progress  
of the Lincoln Catalogue,  
which you are making,  
I will allow you to have  
Mr. Hewitt's Collection,  
but I regret, that it is  
to be done differently

from what the under-  
-standing with Mr. Hunt  
was, as he was expected  
that it would be necessary  
that his Collection be sent  
to you. Will you please  
keep separate the  
pieces which you  
have - those that I  
sent to you in November  
and. As by your letter  
of May 7<sup>th</sup> I will hope  
that you will complete

the most necessary of  
photographing within  
the time specified  
very truly yours

A. C. Hewitt  
Sedley - on - Hudson  
May fourteenth 1914



August 18, 1914  
Andsey-on-Hudson  
N. Y.

The American Numismatic Society  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

The bearer of this letter is my  
son-in-law, Mr. J. E. Switzer.  
Please deliver to him the Robert  
Hewitt collection of Lincolniana  
now in your possession.

Yours very truly.

A. C. Hewitt.

AUG. 19 1914

Received various packages sup-  
posed to contain the above collection  
James Eads Switzer.